

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Prineville District – Deschutes Resource Area

A. Background

Proposed Action Title: Grazing Lease Transfer for the Miltenberger (7552) and Poole (7559) Allotments

CE Number: OR-056-09-005

Project or Serial Number: None

Location: Approximately three miles southwest of La Pine, Oregon. See attached map.

Description of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is to transfer the current BLM grazing authorization for the Miltenberger and Poole Allotments from Green Prairie Ranch, LLC to Cascade Timberlands, LLC. The Miltenberger Allotment has 2,530 acres of public land and is authorized for 354 AUMs and the Poole Allotment has 1,358 acres of public and 180 AUMs. Both allotments are classified as Maintain (M) allotments. The terms and conditions, and management practices of the current permit would be unchanged.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan: Upper Deschutes Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, September 2005

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the above plan because it is specifically provided for in the land use decision. Refer to the following:

Page 77, General Uses, No. 5: “Continue to allocate AUMs as shown in B/LP RMP (USDI-BLM, 1989) and subsequent Rangeland Program Summaries.”

Page 79, Guidelines, No. 12: “Grazing operators in good standing can continue to hold or transfer permits to other qualified applicants ...”

C. Compliance with NEPA

Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.5.D (1), “Approval of transfers of grazing preference”. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

I considered the above Proposed Action, land use plan, compliance with 516 DM 11.5.D (1), and the lack of extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment information provided. Based on this review, there is no potential for significant impacts so further NEPA analysis is not needed.

D. Signature

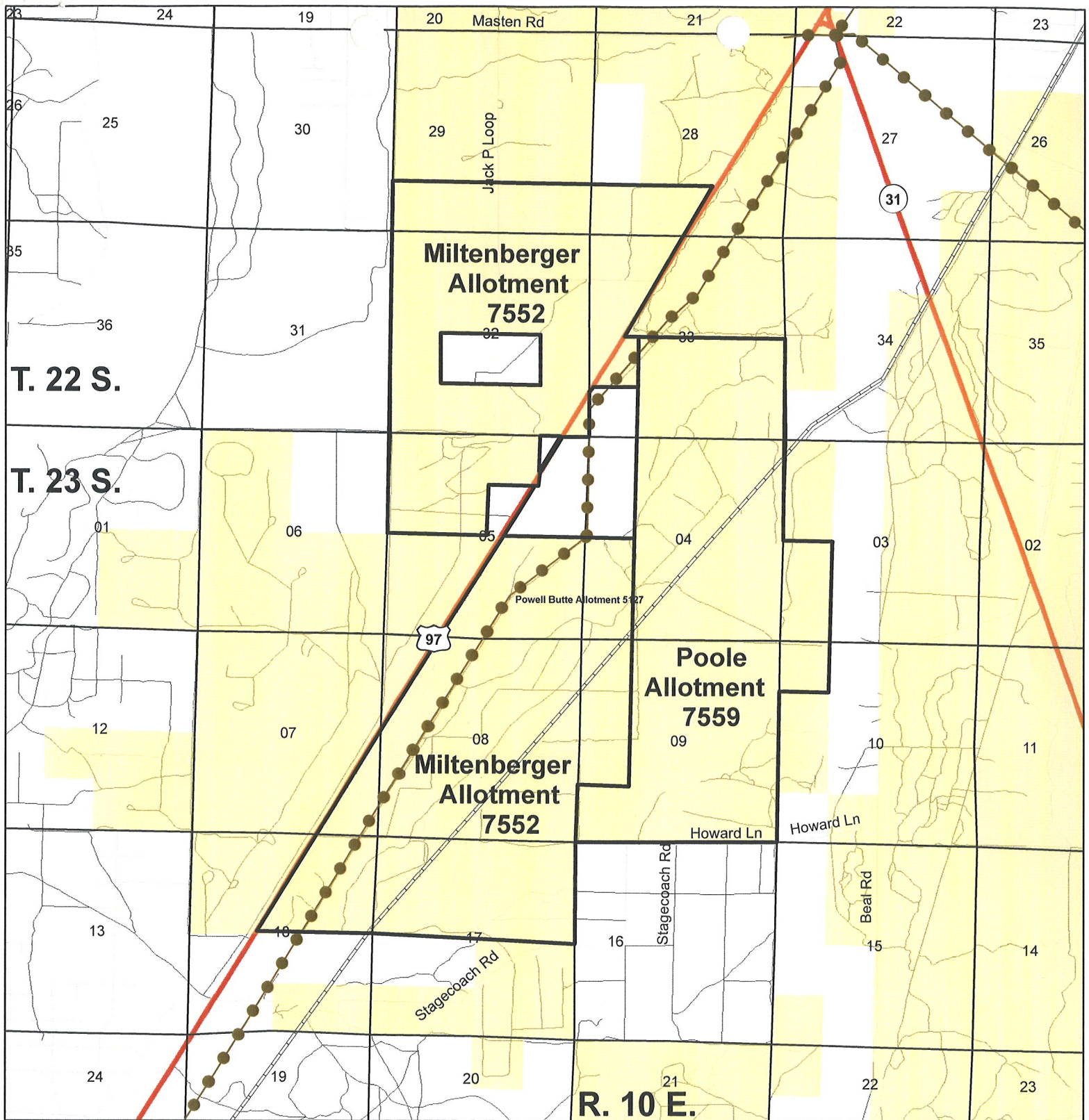
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Date 12/8/08

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Miltenberger and Poole Allotments

Legend

- Allotment Boundaries
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- Gas Pipeline
- Power Lines
- Highways
- Collector
- Local
- Resource Roads

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



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